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Local Citizens to Donate Clothing for International Emergency. Kiwanis Will Establish Depots.

Kiwanis International is launching one of its greatest projects for the month of April, collecting clothing and bedding for the United Nations Relief. President Roosevelt appointed Henry J. Kaiser in charge, who in turn asked Kiwanis to take over this great undertaking.

There will be a meeting Friday at the school cafeteria, at 2 p.m. for all committees and members to complete arrangements which are in charge of Dan Reib. He will be assisted by Mmes. Senour, Goodwin and Alspach. Mrs. Alice Floyd will handle special events; Mrs. Wm. Burr, organizations and churches; Mrs. Francis Eakman, telephone; Harry Lange, posters; Carl Hansen, storage and packing. As the new areas are liberated, clothing must be provided. The emergency is international and all contributions will go to the 10 Allied countries: Belgium, Holland, France, Norway, Greece, China, Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and England.

Plan now to relieve suffering as far as you have clothing and bedding that you are not using which may be sent to suffering families who are ill and have lost all worldly possessions.

202 Pints of Plasma for 12th Bank

There were some very proud donors at the Sierra Madre Blood Bank last Friday, foremost among them being Lalla Fagge, Fred LaLone and Joe Grippe, who gave for the 12th time; a close second were Harry M. Elder, P. R. Penn, Herbert Potter, Margaret Senour, making an 11th gift; Herbert H. Davidson, Mercer Duff, Carl Hansen, Ethel Henderson, Boyd Keith R. B. McGill, Carl R. Robinson, Janet Wood, Harvey D. Wright, were donors for the 10th time; Sarah E. Hansen and Hortense Wells gave for the 9th time. The gallon club were: Edythe Bullwinkel, Pearl Cameron, Constance Campbell, Fred Cox, Mary N. Fergus, Ira Fox, Edith Noshier, Paul R. Rought and Melba Seifert. Among those who will be gallon donors next time are: ones who gave for the 7th time: Jess Arabin, P. D. Brock, Edw. Decker, Leila Embree, Brother Patrick Keeney, R. E. Moon, Byron P. Muscat, Betty Newton, Roy Pickett, Edith Ruesch, Allene Welch and Leona Woehler. So on down through the groups with 41 donating for the first time, making a sum total of 202 pints of blood plasma which is on its way to the fighting front from the 12th visit of the Mobile Blood Bank to Sierra Madre.

Council Lets Lease for Swimming Pool

The City Council at the meeting Tuesday evening leased the Swimming Pool again to Mrs. Barbara Heasley, on the same terms as prevailed last year.

HOUSE GUESTS

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts entertained Mrs. Margerite Jordan and George Levis of Culver City, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ward and Noren Eaton of this city at Brunch. Mrs. Cecelia Finn of Los Angeles was their guest over the week-end.

Mary B. Davis Rites Held Today

Mrs. Mary Bullock Davis passed away March 11 at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary D. Goodfellow, 41 E. Grand View, with whom she and her husband, Eugene Davis, had been spending the past five months.

Mrs. Davis is survived, other than her husband, by two daughters, Mrs. Anna Davis Buchanan, Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Susan Davis Rompel of Chicago; two sisters-in-law, Judge Georgia Bullock of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Henry Bullock of Glendale; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The services will be held at the Grand View residence today at 11 a.m. with J. D. Mackerras, Hal Perry, Herbert Ingraham, T. M. Bulson, Clarence Hobart, Arthur Bridgeland and Richard Stanton, pallbearers. Interment will take place at Three Lakes, Wis., the family home. Arrangements made by the Grant chapel.

Get Word Pfc. Howard Miller Safe at Iwo Jima

Mrs. Miller, wife of Pfc. Howard W. Miller of the 28th Reg., 5th Div. of the U.S. Marine Corps, was much relieved to receive a letter from her husband written D-Day plus 6 from Iwo Jima saying he had come down from the mountain, dirty, healthy and whole. It was his regiment that reached the top and raised the flag over Mount Surabachi. Mrs. Miller is staying at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Miller, 119 W. Grand View, while convalescing from a tonsillectomy.

Lt. Bechtelheimer in Air Five Hours on Berlin Mission

Wayne F. Bechtelheimer, 22, an Eighth Air Force P-51 Mustang pilot from Sierra Madre, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant.

Flying with the 78th Fighter Group, Bechtelheimer has completed more than 40 combat missions over Europe. The group has destroyed over 445 Nazi planes, 260 of them in aerial combat.

Lt. Bechtelheimer's plane, a single-seated 400-h.p. Thunderbolt, is also used as a dive-bomber, and carries 100, 250 and 500-pound bombs on dive-bombing and ground-rafting attack missions over the continent.

In December his mother, Mrs. Earl Hurlbert, 740 Alta Vista Dr., received the Air Medal and Citation from him and he also had another Oak Leaf Cluster added. Wayne now has approximately 250 hours of flying time over enemy territory. He spent a few days recently in a Red Cross rest home and says that it is simply wonderful what the Red Cross and the Red Cross girls are doing for the boys. He hopes to be home on leave the latter part of April.

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Boy Scout Paper Drive

Sierra Madre will be glad to learn that the Boy Scouts are working hard to do their share in the National Paper Drive which started March 10.

Explorers of Post 108 are out to make their goal of 1000 lbs. of paper per boy.

Troop 2, led by Edw. J. Osterman, was the only troop to win the War Production Board Certificate of Merit for collecting 1000 lbs. of paper per boy during the last paper drive.

The boys will be collecting every Saturday. Be expecting them to call at your home.

School Registration High

Supt. Korsmeier reports the highest registration this year, 540, all rooms bulging.

Reports Indicate Church Debt Liquidated by Easter



The Sierra Madre Congregational church, which was organized in 1886, built its first church in 1890, and constructed its present beautiful building in 1928, has undertaken to liquidate its building debt by Easter.

This church offers facilities not only for worship, but also for healthful, constructive community development.

The building debt is approximately \$9500. Fifty persons, some of whom are not even residents of Sierra Madre, who are interested in religious education, particularly as it applies to young people, have pledged \$100 each, a total of \$5000, provided others with similar interests will subscribe the balance of \$4500.

It now appears that the goal will be met by Easter, according to Harry Lange, general chairman.

fore joining the U.S. Navy in which he served 18 months. January 23 he received a psychological discharge by the board of medical survey from the Navy.

Mr. Schmelle, who spent many of his younger years in Sierra Madre, is survived by his wife, Madeline, and father, Wm. D. Schmelle of New York.

The services at the Grant chapel were private.

City to Benefit from Allocation of Funds for Post-War Plans

Sierra Madre to Receive \$5959 as its Share

Sierra Madre will benefit to the amount of \$5959 as its part of the approximately three and a half million dollars to be shared by the county government and cities as a result of a recent State Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of an allocation of \$10,000,000 by the State to cities and counties for post-war plans for public projects.

The allocation is made on a matching basis and permits use of the money for the acquisition of sites and rights of way as well as plan preparation.

Rites Held for Druggist Yesterday

Known among friends and in the business world "as the kindest man they ever knew," Howard Morton Skeels passed away suddenly at his home Monday morning. He came to Sierra Madre five years ago from Nevada, where he was in business 20 years, was president of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Skeels, a Mason, Shriner and member of the Scottish Rite, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Skeels, and daughter, Peggy, 409 W. Orange Grove Ave. Also there is a sister, Miss Jennie Skeels of Los Angeles, and brother, Homer Skeels of Montpelier, Vt., which was Mr. Skeels' native State. The services were Wednesday, 11 a.m., at the Grant chapel. Interment at Mountain View Mausoleum.

SISTER FREED FROM BILIBID PRISON; FIRST NEWS OF BABY BORN THERE

Mrs. Maxine Stickney, 180 Mt. Trail, has received a letter from her sister, Joan Turner, telling of her liberation from Bilibid prison. Mrs. Turner's husband was Lt. Harry L. Turner of the U.S. Army, taken a military prisoner on Corregidor. Mrs. Stickney was unaware that her sister gave birth to a baby while in prison. Prior to the war Mrs. Stickney and Mrs. Turner lived with their husbands, mining engineers, at Baguio, a mountain capital of Manila. LaVerne Wood Stickney became ill and Mrs. Stickney brought him to Sierra Madre to regain his health, but he passed away about two years ago. Following is a portion of the letter from Bilibid prison:

Feb. 8.
Hello, my precious Maxine:

Oh, I was glad to get your Red Cross letter. Am writing against time to make the mails so—

Harry was shipped to Japan Dec. 13. His ship was bombed and over 200 missing or dead—but Harry survived. I am so grateful—but of course it was just another testing time to have him sent to Japan only 16 days before I arrived in Manila. But he is there now and will come out with flying colors I know.

"The Baby" and I are fine and having a wonderful experience. After all the suffering and privations we have endured we now have the supreme privilege of seeing America at her best—American men and boys doing a stupendous task and doing it magnificently. Oh, if only people in the States could see their boys in action their hearts would fairly swell with gratitude and joy.

But we are rescued and I feel as though I am already on U.S.A. soil, for I feel like Uncle Sam's long arm has reached right over here, and we are safe in his hands at last. And I see a living arm of ships at sea and in the air. What a wonderful nation, and I am glad I was born an American.

Pasadena Day at the Kiwanis Club Tues.

Pasadena Kiwanians, Rose Queen and Wistaria Queen Guests; Figures Discussed

Tuesday was a big day at the Kiwanis meeting as it was Pasadena Day and about 40 members of the Pasadena Kiwanis club were guests, and the Tournament of Roses Queen, Mary Rutte, was present to greet the Wistaria Queen, Betty Jo Adams, and her attending Princesses.

Fred J. Peterson, West Coast manager for Babson's Reports, secured by Dan Reib local representative, gave a fine talk on "Facts and Figures." He said the chief asset a merchant can have after the war is the goodwill he has built up by his advertising and by courteous treatment of his customers. The time is coming when it will be no favor to a customer to sell him a bill of goods. He stated that statistics show that out of 100 men who retire with \$100,000, only three will have \$10,000 or more after 10 years.

Dr. Simpson expressed disapproval of the mailing of unsigned literature on the return of the Japanese. That this is the third or fourth time it has been done in Sierra Madre, and he felt that Kiwanis is back of anything progressive but against subversiveness.

Nautical Theme Dinner

The Ambassadors Class of Bethany church (young people's group) had a dinner Monday evening at the church with about 40 guests present. A nautical theme was used throughout the evening, in the games, the decorations and the devotions. C. J. List, RT 1/c, U.S.N., on leave from Florida, was the guest speaker, and Marvin Swartz was the soloist.

Buffet lunches and tea will be served daily during the Fete from 12:30. The Sierra Madre Woman's club will handle the gate.

Near Goal of Red Cross

Generosity, Gratitude, Spirit of Gifts

As the News goes to press the Sierra Madre Red Cross has received money to finance 23 3/10 minutes assigned it. Translated into other terms \$1000 is all that is needed to reach the \$8900 goal.

The generous active co-operation of everyone has made this possible in the two weeks given to the drive. Many instances of gratitude for services rendered, and loyalty to those who have gone strain of battle have come to the attention of the friendly solicitors. There was the kind friend who gave her contribution in memory of a lad who gave his life in action; the little boy who was grateful for the return of his father even if he had but one arm, emptied his bank of its \$1.62 into the hand of the visitor; the many parents who on the strength of letters received from loved ones paid for two or four seconds of time as their contribution.

A little touch of realism was seen in the adventure of two Junior Commandos who proudly walked into the office with \$3.50 which they had secured from sale of fruit and vegetables. All of these and many more, impelled by motives too personal or too sacred to be mentioned, have given to the "Greatest Mother of Us All"—The American Red Cross.

In order that any who may have been overlooked in the solicitations may have an opportunity to contribute the office will be kept open on Thursday evening until 10 o'clock.

Remember the campaign wishes to close at midnight on Thursday.

Sgt. Colbert Meets Dr. Jacobs in France

Mrs. J. E. Colbert had word from her son, S/Sgt. Robert A. Colbert, somewhere in France that he had a very pleasant meeting with Dr. Nathan Jacobs. It seems Robert (in the engineering corps) has been working nights for many months and was sent back from Germany to France for a rest period. He went to Mass at a hospital across the street from where his unit was billeted and while there recognized the medical division as the one in which Dr. Jacobs was serving. He found the doctor in bed for a few days resting from strenuous work. Mrs. Colbert's son John recently graduated from the Maritime school at Alameda,

Sierra Madre's Famed Wistaria Fete to Open Saturday, March 17



BETTY JO ADAMS

The Breakfast program was recorded by Station KMTR and was broadcast over that station in Hollywood at 9:30 Tuesday evening.



DOROTHY CHUNN

The Pacific Electric is planning to put on extra cars and give more frequent service for the opening of the Fete and for other special events during the season.

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SHEILA COLBERT

Market Basket Grows to Extensive Organization in 15 Years of Operation

From a single modest store on East Colorado St. in 1930 to an organization that today operates 26 super markets throughout the San Gabriel Valley and has a million-dollar-a-year payroll is the record attained by Market Basket, which is observing its 15th anniversary this month. With the beginning of the war, according to its president, Arthur H. Cauters, Market Basket geared itself to contribute in every possible way to the cause of Victory.

He said, "Supplying food for many on the home front is only one of our assignments. Of equal importance are our tasks to urge the public to save waste fats, which are needed badly in the manufacture of necessities for our troops and to study the official OPA ceiling prices, which we post in all our stores as part of the national drive to keep food prices down. We are most appreciative of the public's co-operation with our efforts."

When asked about the many new features predicted for post-war markets, Mr. Cauters pointed out that quite a number of them would be most novel and would save the customer time and money as well as add to his pleasure in shopping. He also feels that the American mother of tomorrow is going to be more critical in her selection of foods,

Betty Jo Adams, Whittier College Co-ed is Chosen Queen. Crowned by Virginia Mayo, Rising Goldwyn Star

Betty Jo Adams, 20-year-old Whittier College Senior, was crowned Queen of the Wistaria Fete Tuesday morning at the Radio-Press Breakfast at the Vine and will reign over the 53rd Annual Wistaria Vine Festival which will officially open to the public this week Saturday, March 17, at 10 a.m.

The Coronation Breakfast was sponsored by the Sierra Madre Woman's club and was held at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Thayer at the historic floral landmark, and was the opening event of the season's festivities.

Over 100 guests were present for the occasion and they were welcomed by Mrs. J. Stadden Miller, president of the Sierra Madre Woman's club, who introduced Charles Garland, motion picture and radio agent, as Master of Ceremonies. He gave a historical sketch of the Vine and introduced the other judges, Miss Bonnie Cashin, designer for the 20th Century-Fox studios, and Miss Virginia Mayo, star of Samuel Goldwyn pictures, who placed the lovely silver crown on Queen Betty's head and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers and decorated each of the Ladies-in-Waiting with leis of pink camellias.

This was the first contest that was ever held to choose a Queen and Queen Betty and her Princesses were selected from 45 of Sierra Madre's fairest.

Betty Jo is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Adams, 217 W. Highland, and is an outstanding student, having been prominently mentioned in the Who's Who among college women. She is studying to be an elementary school teacher. Her parents have lived in the city for 35 years and her grandfather was a pioneer citizen. She is 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs 130 pounds and has blonde hair and hazel eyes. She is interested in art and music. She will be married in June to J. E. Griffith Jr., a junior in the University of California Medical school in San Francisco, where they will reside after their marriage.

THE PRINCESSES
The other four finalists who will serve as Princesses in the Queen's Court were Dorothy Chunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Chunn, 620 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.; Audrey E. Langbehn, daughter of Mrs. Adeline Langbehn, 590 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., who are PJC co-eds; Mary Lou Van Vleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lowjoy, 74 W. Grand View, who is employed at the Broadway-Pasadena department store; Sheila Colbert, daughter of Mrs. Sylvia B. Colbert, 609 W. Alegria Ave.

The girls were attired alike in sweaters and skirts and formed an attractive picture. Miss Adams was dressed appropriately in a wistaria-colored sateen.

Queen Mary Lou Rutte of the 1945 Tournament of Roses was a guest at the Breakfast to congratulate the Wistaria Queen and an honored guest was Mrs. Estelle H. Fennel of Pasadena, former owner of the Vine. The Vine was planted from a single tiny root of the Chinese Wistaria in 1892 by Mrs. W. E. Brugman. The Fennels purchased the estate in 1913 and under their tender care the Vine grew until it completely encircled the house and covered an acre of ground.

The late Mrs. Ida Lawless purchased the property in 1942 and spent a fortune in beautifying the grounds.

Jack F. Lowery Service Tuesday

Jack F. Lowery passed away at his home last Friday, March 9, following a three weeks' illness. Although Mr. Lowery has not enjoyed the best of health he has actively attended to his business which was in the tobacco industry until his recent illness. Mr. Lowery with his wife, sole survivor, came to Sierra Madre to live about five years ago, from Glendale. He was born in Tennessee. The funeral services were held at Forest Lawn in the Wee Kirk of the Heather, Tuesday at 1:30.

Death of Mrs. Olsen's Mother
Mrs. Henry Olsen is mourning the loss of her mother, Mrs. Hannah E. Gilbert, who passed away Sunday in Bakersfield at the home of her son. Mrs. Gilbert, 92 years old, was born in Illinois and lived in this city at one time. Services will be at Hermosa Beach this morning.

If a Mr. A. B. or B. A. Brown of the U.S. Navy, who left a suitcase in a car enroute to Sierra Madre, will contact the News office, he will be given the address of the person with whom he is to get in contact to recover his possession.

CAMP FIRE BIRTHDAY

March is Camp Fire birthday month. The motto is "Hi, Neighbor!" Local girls are making sewing kits for European children and trying to learn more of their neighbors far and near.

WISTARIA THEATRE

Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Mar. 15-16-17
"TILL WE MEET AGAIN"
Ray Milland, Barbara Britton
and
"MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM"
Anne Gwynne, Donald Cook
Plus Cartoon

Sun., Mon., Tues.
Mar. 18-19-20

"Going My Way"

Bing Crosby, Rise Stevens
and
"BABES ON SWING STREET"
Peggy Ryan, Ann Blyth
Cartoon—News

WITH SIERRA MADRE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE

Lt. and Mrs. R. E. Wright came Friday from Beloit, Wis., and are occupying their home at 540 Alegria. Lt. Wright has been in the Bureau of Ships dept. in the submarine program at Beloit since March, 1943, but has now been transferred to the Naval Dry Dock at San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Willumsen, 94 E. Highland, are in receipt of a telegram from their son, George F. Murphy, 2nd Eng., Merchant Marine, that he has returned from the European war zone and is in New York. He has not been home since last June.

S/Sgt. Percy H. Johnson, son of Mrs. Pauline Johnson, 29 Windsor Lane, is listed as wounded in the European theatre.

Mrs. Ann Geller, 438 E. Montecito, has received word from her son, Howard C. Geller, with the Pacific Fleet, saying that his ship did a magnificent job on the invasion of Leyte and Luzon and they are now back resting. He is receiving his Sierra Madre News and appreciates the many items and accounts of what other local men are doing.

Pvt. Robert C. Bent returned to Camp Polk Tuesday morning following a 14 days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bent, 700 Skyland Dr.

Mario Uriarte spent four days at the Plaza Children's Home last week. He has just completed a course in New York and is assigned to his crew in an Illinois camp. Sierra Madre looked very good to him (he lived at the home 12 years), and needless to say the children were thrilled to have a soldier's time and attention.

Lt. John H. Coit spent an overseas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit Jr., 270 Grove, from Friday to Tuesday, when he left for Tallahassee, Fla., prior to embarkation. He has completed his combat P-40 training.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Thomas have received word of the promotion of their son, Robert E. Thomas, to a first lieutenant rating. He has been stationed in the Dutch East Indies but they believe he has been transferred to another area. He flies a P-38 pursuit plane.

David Sheriff, chief petty officer of the U.S. Navy, flew to Sierra Madre for the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Sheriff. He returned to the East Coast Monday.

Pvt. Samuel Bever, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bever, is taking his infantry boot training at Camp Wolters, Tex. He reported February 14.

Pfc. Shirley Lawson Kendall, in the WAC service at Santa Monica in the clerical division, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. F. O. Lawson, 88 Victoria Lane. Her husband, Pvt. Russell Kendall, is in Dutch East Indies, having left this country about the first of the year.

Pfc. Esther Richter was home from Santa Monica with her parents for Sunday.

Aviation Cadet Richard B. Thurber, who graduates soon at the Pecos, Tex., air field base, has been designated for special training as a flight engineer on B-29's. He is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Walter D. Thurber, 470 Manzanita.

Dr. A. O. Pritchard has received a wire from his son, Arthur O. Pritchard Jr., of the U.S. Medical Corps that he had arrived at San Francisco.

Lead Role by Joan Woehler

Culminating an active career in high-school dramatics, Miss Joan Woehler was given the lead in



JOAN WOehler
Cast as a glamorous movie star in senior class play.

"Best Foot Forward" Friday night at the senior play given at the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte high school.

ROUND THE TOWN

Ted Harris, Beatrice Metrick and Susan Webster are members of the cast in "Thanks Awfully," a comedy presented by the dramatic class at the Woodrow Wilson Junior high school Friday, March 23.

C. H. Savard is confined at his home, 86 E. Alegria, suffering from torn ligaments and a badly sprained ankle.

Friends of Mrs. E. G. Everett will be interested in the circumstances of her trip to Miami, Fla., last week, where she was called by the death of her grandson, Lt. Wm. H. Hart. Lt. Hart was returning from a mission over Germany with one of his engines dead and was within 15 miles of his base in Italy when the other engine went out. One man of the crew of four was saved by bailing out. A daughter was born to the widow two days after Mrs. Everett's arrival in Miami.

F. N. Harris, who has recently moved into the home he purchased at 326 N. Adams, entertained the Past Masters of Los Cerritos Masonic Lodge at dinner Wednesday evening. Present were Maj. Frank Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Solomon, Judge Martin DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Grand and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harris.

Tray favors for a ward of teen-age girls at Olive View Sanitarium have been completed for the month of March by the Civic club. The committee in charge of the shamrock nut and candy cups was Mrs. Eileen Welch, Angie Larson and Betty Osgood. These will be delivered for St. Patrick's Day and will delight the hearts of 32 girls.

Mrs. Bruce McGill is recovering from a tonsillectomy performed last Wednesday.

Mrs. Myra Darling and Wm. D. Disbach of Long Beach are house guests of Miss Tozer, 668 Brookside Lane, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. Ward and their house guest, Lt. Spencer Dakan, were in Westwood Saturday evening attending a reception at the Gamma Phi Beta sorority house for new members. Their daughter, Miss Elsie Ann Ward, was one of the honorees.

Mrs. John Buchan, 677 W. Montecito, is seriously ill at the Huntington Memorial hospital where she was taken last Friday.

Dr. Adele and J. P. Howland of Windsor Lane have enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Frances McDonald, and family of Riverside, which included a new grandson, Samuel McDonald, one month old. Their son, Terrance Howland of Los Angeles, has also been home a few days.

On account of being rained out March 4, the Wyoming picnic will be held at Sycamore Grove Park Sunday, April 15.

Mrs. P. D. Brock went down to Phoenix last week to meet her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Blakley, who was enroute to Sierra Madre to visit her parents. Her husband, Capt. Ross Blakley of the Army Air Service, has been transferred for overseas duty. The Brocks have also enjoyed a leave with their son, Sidney Brock, who returned Tuesday evening to Chicago Naval Headquarters for further assignment.

Civic Club Fetes New Members

Mrs. J. J. Butler, president of the Civic club, announces the committee for a membership dinner. This dinner is to be held this evening, March 14, at the home of Miss Muriel Tarr, 274 W. Montecito.

Mrs. L. Pratt, chairman of the membership committee, is in charge of the arrangements. The clever invitations which were sent out were in charge of Mrs. Gwen Dewey. Misses Muriel Tarr, Angie Larson and Frances Finley are arranging the dinner with Mrs. John Foote providing the colorful decorations, and Miss Ruth Miles assures an interesting program of music.

This promises to be one of the most delightful occasions of the club's session.

Local Man Builds 69 Houses in Utah

Harry S. Barrington, who was in the plumbing business here for five years prior to 1942 and who retains his home here, is in the city for a few days from Clearfield, Utah, where he has built 69 houses, all of which have been sold except 17 which are rented. Prior to this work he built 55 homes in Las Vegas, Nev., all of which have been sold.

AZALEAS A RIOT OF COLOR AT THE COOLIDGE GARDENS

Never have the Coolidge Gardens azaleas been lovelier than they are now. In the wide shaded lath houses, the azaleas, growing as if in a forest of their own, are startlingly brilliant. Every tiny branch is aflame with color. Scarlet, pale rose, deep rose, apple blossom, orchids, salmons, flame, mauve, lilac, charming variations in form, for with all its intensity and brilliance there is no sameness to the azaleas.

Everybody is welcome and there is no admission charge to these acres of singing color, including a very charming and authentic Oriental Garden.

Sam Perlof is recovering very satisfactorily and expects to return from the hospital to his home Sunday.

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St. Patrick's Day Features at Park

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The shufflers on March 17 will hold a contest guided by John Chambers in honor of Jacob Bos-

hoven of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is spending the winter with his daughter, Claud Kames will guide the croquet matches. The equipment for the same is adult and is available to all.

Sunday afternoon at the Park House is the regular Community Sing, directed by Frances Eakman, with Don Parker, pianist, at 3 p.m.

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Ben Goswiler at Zig-Zag Pass Battle

WITH THE 38TH DIVISION ON BATAAN.—Pfc. Benjamin M. Goswiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Goswiler Sr., 62 Olive St., a member of the 151st Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for his participation in the battle of Zig-Zag Pass.

Pfc. Goswiler has been overseas more than a year and now holds the Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with two Campaign Stars.

(This story written by Army Combat Correspondent on paper captured from Japanese on Bataan.)

Capt Evans Goes Ashore in a "Peep"; Tells of St. Lo Battle

In letters to Carl Hansen and to Mrs. Evans, Capt. L. M. Evans who has been with a tank division from the invasion to entering Germany, writes of his experience at St. Lo.

"Dear Carl:

"At the risk of becoming sentimental may I say that the memory of your many good deeds for me never fails to cheer me during the sub-zero periods that all G.I.'s experience. Much water has gone under the bridge since you last heard from me. Carl, I landed in France in a 'Peep' in 5 feet of water and only got ashore because Henry built those 'Peeps' as only Henry could. Mind you, the water was over the engine entirely and we were sitting in it up to our necks, and still that little wonder roared along the ocean bottom and up onto the beach without a cough. From there on it was just a series of jumps. After the break-through at St. Lo we were moving forward continuously, often 48 hours to the stretch. All the way through France, Belgium, Holland, and finally into Germany I rode in that same 'Peep' and the only mishap was a single flat tire. Most of the time we were moving so fast and events were happening so fast that the picture as a whole is blurred. I was in Paris on leave when von Runstedt started his counter-attack and when I got back to where my unit had been, found that they had withdrawn. My travels to find them, part through enemy-held country, can't be told here. When I finally rejoined them I had traveled more than 150 miles—a substantial distance over here.

Sincerely,
L. M.
In a letter to Mrs. Evans, Capt. Evans, who is now stationed in one of the military hospitals, tells why he was decorated with the Silver Star. "I can tell you about the Silver Star now, but couldn't before for reasons of security. I don't know why I was singled me out for the award as it came as a complete surprise to me. When the bombers came over at

St. Lo you know some of them dropped their loads on friendly troops. I was in a group that was very heavily bombed—men were killed and wounded all around me. None of the bombs had my number on it, so I was not hit, although there were casualties within a very few feet of me. Those poor boys were calling for aid, so I went among them doing what I could while the bombs were still falling all around. Still none of them hit me. It was pretty awful and I don't like to remember it."

Wilbur B. Thayer Graduates from Great Lakes

Among those graduating from an intensive course of Quarter-master training at recent Great Lakes Navy Service Schools was Wilbur B. Thayer, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Thayer, 435 N. Grove St.

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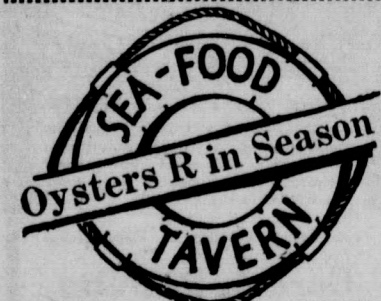
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YOU REALLY SHOULD come in and see all the unusual things we have. Paper goods are short, but we do have some napkins, cutter rolls of wax paper and a few other items you have had trouble finding of late. And Curly said to tell you we once more have a complete line of Tea Garden preserves and jellies. Sugar is going to be an exclusive item this canning season, so you better come in and look over this stock before "Uncle Opey" catches up with it and places points thereon! The election is over now, you know, and points are rising every day!

WE HAD GUESTS last Sunday for "Brunch" and served Eggs Benedict, thanks to Mrs. Fred Beck. This would make a lovely breakfast for Easter Sunday, and at the risk of copyright infringement, I will repeat this recipe:

Split an English muffin and toast it. Then take a thick slice of ham (if you can get it and have the points), and cut it into circular pieces the size of the muffin. In place of the ham, you could use a thick slice of one of the several kinds of canned lunch meat, of which I think Rath's is the best.

Saute the ham or what-not in butter and place it on the half of toasted muffin. On top of the ham you place a big, golden egg which you have poached or baked in a muffin tin. Over the whole thing you ladle a big blob of Hollandaise Sauce. Then, as Mrs. Beck says, you eat it up!

HOLLANDAISE FOR FOUR SERVINGS

1/2 teaspoon salt
Heavy dash of cayenne
1/2 cup of cold water
4 egg yolks (save the egg whites for an angel food cake).
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 tablespoons of butter

Into the top of a double boiler put the salt, cayenne, water and egg yolks. Mix thoroughly, then add the butter. Lower the pan into the boiling water, stirring evenly and constantly. When the butter is melted, the sauce will begin to thicken. Lift the pan clear of the water, continuing to stir. The trick is to keep lowering the pan into the water and removing it as the sauce reaches the consistency of thick whipping cream. When this happens, lift the pan from the water and stir in the lemon juice. Serve at once.

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DO YOU RECALL?

From the files of March 15, 1907.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, held Wednesday evening, an ordinance was introduced regulating the construction, erection and maintenance of tent houses. According to the ordinance it will be unlawful to erect a tent house nearer than 20 feet from any other building or within 100 feet of the street line.

The Sierra Madre Woman's club holds its first regular meeting Monday afternoon at the Town Hall, with Mrs. J. A. Osgood presiding.

The Edison Electric Co. is stringing a pair of primaries from Lima to Sunnyside. The transformer will feed everything from Lima west and will give better lights.

The Sierra Madre rainfall chart gives the total rainfall from November through and including March 10 as 35.98 inches. November, 1.34 inches; December, 11.82; January, 15.47, and first 10 days of March as 3.43.

For Sale—Horse, phaeton and harness, \$10 if taken at once. Valley View Tract lots for sale, Central and Mountain Trail, 50 x 150 ft., \$400 up.

From the files of March 14, 1930.

Chloe Jones, noted teacher, passed away at her home, 102 N. Hermosa, March 12. Mrs. Jones had the honor of being the first woman superintendent of the Los Angeles schools, a position she

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MARCH 15—

Edward H. Bayard.

MARCH 16—

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MARCH 17—

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MARCH 19—

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MARCH 20—

Mrs. Carl Graf, Mrs. Ellen Whitchurch, Mrs. A. H. Holcomb, Mrs. James Dunnigan.

MARCH 21—

George P. Rikeman, Rhea Trenberth.

MARCH 22—

Lt. Ben E. Smith, Mrs. S. R. Sheriff.

♦ Mrs. Laurene Ford and her sister, Mrs. Gwen Layne, leave Friday for a visit with their parents in Lewiston, Utah.
♦ Ralph D. Cordrey was confined to his home, 357 Sycamore Pl., last week by illness.

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By LEE McCARTY

PART TWO

(First part in Sierra Madre News, Thursday, March 8, 1945.)

Morning broke with the jocular cries of spur fowl and the tinkling of the bell bird was lost in the chatter of monkeys. Screams of the carnivores in their eternal quest for blood vanished with the first shaft of sunlight over the jungle.

Events had taken a sharp twist. Bali-bundu roused both Pambo and Lembeck who were asleep by the smoldering embers on the river bank. The savage's inky eyes were flooded in fear as he spoke softly. His anxious face was heavily shadowed in double raised lines of about half an inch in length which had been made by scratching the skin with a bamboo needle filled with charcoal to raise the surface of the skin, giving this savage a ferocious and devilish look. He motioned toward the paddlers who were preparing a breakfast of boiled bananas and marrow bones. He said a paddler was missing! Pambo immediately on his feet. Flinging his blanket aside, he strode over where the paddlers chattered excitedly and incoherently about their vanished black brother. He had been whisked up by an evil spirit. No trace of him nor his spoor was to be found. They implored Pambo to take a certain charm away from Kadoko the drummer. It was evil.

"My eyes roved along the jungle's edge," said Pambo, "where I heard the hyraxes crying at each other from the forest branches. Then I turned and approached Kadoko. I had to threaten him before that crocodile grin was wiped from his broad features and he got out his charms in a leaf which he had stowed away in his monkey-meat pouch along with other fetishes and gris-gris. I turned to Lembeck, puzzled and stuffing his pot-clay pipe—and said Kadoko was one of the Sierra Leone soldiers which once had been hired by the French to terrorize villagers into submission. That finger had probably been taken from someone for revenge. Lembeck came over and pointed out its age. It might have been cut from a mummy. He thought it was evidence of cannibalism. Then Kadoko said he had been under the French and had cut it off an old woman when raiding a village. This cleared up things for me, but it didn't satisfy Lembeck nor the paddlers who gave the drummer a wide berth.

"I waded knee-deep among the maiden-hair fern and rhododendrons at the jungle's fringe but failed to find any footprints. Lions have been known to walk among sleeping men and crush the life from the neck and throw their human prey over a shoulder and run off into the night; but no lions stalked this part of the country, to our knowledge. And where was the spoor? Sure as Arab, we had heard the distant screech of chimpanzees during the night—a piercing cry of hairy men in the rain forest with something human in it. And Lembeck said he had been awakened by the howling of a leopard and calls of the several cats. Aye, Lembeck even speculated as to a crocodile grasping the sleeping nigger by the neck and dragging him down to the water. But where was the spoor?"

Finally to satisfy himself roundly Lembeck strode and pushed his way into the jungle and looked into a glade where grew tall grass which towered over his head. With scarcely any air stirring he had to give up the search on account of the intense morning heat. "Great white-winged turkey birds circled overhead and the jungle was alive

with various sorts of bright-plumage birds which sang pretty melodies in the green foliage. Broken timber lay about, having been laid low by elephants pulling to get at the ripe fruit in the foliage."

"Africa is a land of unplumbed mystery," said Pambo. "All is quiet and still, and then death strikes or something vanishes. No matter how much Lembeck and I tried to solve the mystery, it was hopeless. Those damned niggers only shot beady glances and significant nods of superstition toward Kadoko. Aye, it was best to get our truck into the piroque and shove off. The paddlers were nervous and displayed every emotional sign of wanting to quit the beach. Bali-bundu was ragging them and ordering pots and gear stowed away."

"I remember Lembeck was about to pick up his rifle and climb into the canoe when a blood-curdling scream broke the dismal murmur of the jungle. Every man jack was struck dumb, staring helplessly and hopelessly about. Lembeck sprang like a cat up the bank and started for the bush, but I called him smartly to a halt. If he left the canoe to investigate that cry the niggers might shove off and leave us stranded hundreds of miles up a wild river. I hollered if he went in there he knew damned well I'd be on his heels. Then there was nothing to stop the blacks from making off."

"Wisdom was displayed when the piroque slid with the utmost expedition out into the water. The paddlers placed a will behind each stroke to put as much distance as possible between themselves and that shore where we could still hear that scream echoing in our minds. Kadoko started his pulsing beat on the drum. The paddlers' sinews leaped in blue flashes of light as their powerful bodies bent to the punting.

"Ye know, then paddlers put palm oil over their bodies and small rancid like old burnt weeds. We used to chuckle and laugh when they let us know we white men smelled high and undesirable as company in close quarters..."

Pambo was "jimmied out" with Lembeck's speculations as to the missing man and his harangue about the warning the medicine man had made back on the Congo to his Asandee chief. "By the beard of the prophet," said Pambo, "we didn't hear no spirits whisper off the water—not yet." I told Lembeck to forget the incident and mark it down as another strange experience. I let him rattle on while I lay back swart in the sun and listened, when the tom-tom quit beating,

to the mournful cry of cranes comin' down from above. When you look up they are like a poem in motion, so beautiful and graceful is their flight. Sometimes the river bank held many Sandaruse trees—the leaves are glossy green. The fruit is a nut. You can see the gum oozing from the umber-like bark at wounded places. It gathers in a ball on the ground and becomes matted with insects and often birds get caught in it. I made a note of these trees along with signs of many elephants, for as head of Mission N'Duromo I was to take copious notes of possibilities of natural resources and to roughly map the country with correct lunars and latitudes. This means more to King Leopold than all the lost mines in creation.

"That afternoon Lembeck's stomach started to bother him again. He had a case of the guinea worm which was lodged in his stomach and trying to drill out through his flesh to the outside world. He fished into the tin canister for Calomel, Dover's powder, quinine or colocyth or anything to relieve him. He got better after a while, when the worm wasn't drilling."

A couple of days elapsed and the near hysteria which had shaken the black men's souls was almost a dim thing of the past. Kadoko had been induced to throw his dead finger into the river. And now he was busy putting a snake to be boiled into the caldron. Lembeck had improvised a canopy from some canvas to keep the heat off the two men during the hellish part of the day. Here both men lay back and watched everything of interest along the shore. The river grew steadily narrower at this point, the jungle seeming to tower up into the vibrating blue sky; and the water, for lack of wind to ruffle it, was as smooth as a sheet of glass. "Your voice somehow seemed to have a hollow note in it," said Pambo, "and a shout echoed like as if you were in a mighty cavern. It didn't seem natural, but with jungle walls and smooth water it all formed a sort of a hall of Nature. (Author's note: You will observe that it is at these points that the whisperers shall come off the face of the water.)"

"Used to tickle my bones to see the paddlers get ready to bed down for the night. They wrap big leaves around their feet because they think the bats will fly down and stick a sharp nail into the vein of the great toe, and suck the blood. You can't argue 'em out of it. Me for one don't put much truck in such stuff as vampire bats—well, that is, unless it's those big gray ones that I saw once in Borneo..."

They camped that night on a small peninsula of sand and aloe trees. The jungle was lined with silvery mammonono trees (I am not sure of this spelling) and a constant twitter went up from a

tangle of weaver birds' nests in their branches. Some of the paddlers pointed out the bats which wheeled silently about. "I had gathered some wild sugar cane," said Pambo, "and passed it around to chew upon. Lembeck and I sat on the sand and studied our maps and charts and made notes of the expedition and took last-minute latitudes with some lunars. We sent the boys about with burning palm fronds to drive out the ants which had come out of the jungle upon discovery of us. They would devour a boot or sandal in great swarms before it takes time to tell you this. The deep blue night sky became filled with the blood-thirsty cries of the night. Africa is a land of killing. Unless you understand this you don't become part of it. The two fires sent a cherry light against the jungle wall in the distance. One by one the paddlers lay down to sleep off cramped muscles, covering their feet with leaves or digging them into the sand. Aye, Lembeck was full of tales of lost mines and speculated about those of Queen Sheba up in the N'Duromo country somewhere.

Pambo was about to turn in when the big dark frame of Bali-bundu loomed up against the firelight. "He spoke the dialect of East Africa," said Pambo, "hailing originally from that quarter. 'Mozungu,' he said. 'No good. By and by all go back home. Big Spirit whisper come from river today. Men pull sand over body tonight and shake in big fear. Voice of spirit come from water:'

'Alale ya no kessi kessi'—come from water. No good, mozungu. Many in boat have big fear. Many say when white man sleep they go away in dark and leave white man for evil spirit.'"

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(Episcopal), corner Baldwin and Laurel Aves. Rev. John S. Neal, Rector. Elizabeth L. Farrow, Organist. Passion Sunday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Litany and Choral Eucharist. Church School. Thursday, 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

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191 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Rev. David H. Metsker, pastor. Sunday morning Bible School, 9:45. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Young People's Service, 6:30. Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30, Wednesday.

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The Church of the Singing Tower. Rev. Frederic Groetsema, Pastor. 9:45 a.m., Church

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(Missouri Synod), 808 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. Rev. George E. Theiss, pastor. Sunday school and Bible classes, 10. Herbert Gatzke, superintendent; Elmer E. Sauer, leader of adult class; worship, 11. Lutheran Hour, KHJ, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; KMTR Monday through Saturday, 9:06.

Local Man with "Lost Battalion" Rescuers

Still the great killer of the enemy and at the same time the protector of its own infantry, a Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd Japanese-American Regiment is dropping accurate, sustained and concentrated fire on German personnel, defenses and other targets in the French Alps along the Franco-Italian border.

As part of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group, of which Pvt. Sam M. Takahashi, 184 Auburn, and Pfc. Mituso Kunihiro are fighting, the battalion is providing protective fire for infantry patrols working their way through the mountain passes into German positions by demolishing enemy resistance and attempted ambushes.

The accuracy of the battalion's fire is second to none. In the Italian campaign, during the battle for a strategic hill near the "Little Cassino" line north of Rome, the battalion accounted for more than 75 per cent of the enemy casualties. An artillery officer visited the battleground later and found more than 120 dead Germans, all killed by artillery, within a circle of 200 yards. Other experts described it as "the best firing we have ever seen."

Slugging its way through Southern France into the Vosges Mountains, it played a great part in the rescue of the now famous "Lost Battalion" of this war.

Over 1000 Purple Hearts, some with Oak Leaf Clusters, have been awarded to Japanese-American troops.

ALA ACTIVITIES

Unit 297 met at the home of Lovetta Pratt Thursday night with a full attendance. Ways and Means Chairman set April 13 as the date for the Easter Apron Sale.

Our next meeting will be held at the Park House Thursday night, March 22, at 8 o'clock.

◆ The Michigan State all-day out-door reunion will be held at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Saturday, March 17.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Hildegard Young, deceased. No. 24483. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Hildegard Young, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administratrix at the office of John L. Fitzgerald, 38 North Baldwin Avenue, City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as a place of business in all matters connected with said estate, or to file them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated March 5th, 1945.
LUCILLE A. McSWEYN,
Administratrix of the Estate of Hildegard Young, Deceased.
JOHN L. FITZGERALD, Attorney for Administratrix.
First pub. 8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

In the matter of the estate of CLIFFORD A. PARKER, Incompetent. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned CHAS. L. OVERSHINER, as Guardian of CLIFFORD A. PARKER, Incompetent, will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned and subject to confirmation by the said Superior Court, on or after the 19th day of March, 1945, at Room 702, 129 West 2nd Street, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, all the right, title and interest of said incompetent at the time of his incompetency and all the right, title and interest that the estate of said incompetent has acquired by operation of law or otherwise, other than or in addition to that of said incompetent at the time of incompetency, in and to all that certain real property particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The South 130 feet of Lot 11, Block 44, Overmountain, as per map thereof recorded in Book 19, Page 36 of Maps, Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, and located at the corner of Sherman Way and Dering Avenue, Can-

sa Park, California, and appurtenances. Terms of Sale: Cash, in lawful money of the United States on confirmation of sale, or part cash and balance evidenced by note secured by mortgage or Trust Deed on the property so sold. Ten per cent of amount bid to be deposited with bid. Bids or offers to be in writing and will be received at the aforesaid office at any time after the first publication hereof and before date of sale. Dated February 19, 1945.
CHAS. L. OVERSHINER, Incompetent; 702, 129 West 2nd St., Los Angeles, Mutual 9211, Station 2625.
HUBERT W. SWENDER, California Bank Bldg., Reseda, California, Attorney for Guardian.

(68567)

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS

The undersigned do hereby certify that they are conducting a jewelry business at 467 Bellflower Avenue, City of Bellflower, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the fictitious firm name of Bellflower Jeweler's and that said firm is composed of the following persons,

whose names and addresses are as follows, to-wit:
G. C. Kulbeck, 3956 Gardenia Avenue, Long Beach, California.
H. E. Vaughn, 910 E. San Antonio Dr., Long Beach 5, California.
Witness our hands this 15th day of February, 1945.

G. C. KULBECK,
H. E. VAUGHN.

State of California, County of Los Angeles, ss.
On this 15th day of February, A.D. 1945, before me, R. Beulah Todd, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared G. C. Kulbeck and H. E. Vaughn (on the oath of A. W. Baerlein, Sr.), known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.
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My Commission expires Mar. 3, 1947.

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Enlistments Increase in Local Platoon of the State Guard

Additions to the local platoon of the State Guard during March to date are Lloyd A. Johnson, 675 Orange Dr.; Walter B. Fehlings, 261 N. Adams, and Dirk Cable, 205 San Gabriel Ct. According to State Guard officers, there has been a decided increase in recruiting interest throughout the entire State within the past two months, particularly since more and more equipment has been forthcoming from the Army, especially personnel trucks which have recently been assigned to all battalions.

Saturday evening the Sierra Madre unit responded to the call of Red Cross authorities to participate in a parade and festivities at West Arcadia as the culmination of an all-day rally in connection with its membership drive. Close order drill and domestic disturbance maneuvers were executed for the benefit of the large gathering of townspeople present. Lt. John E. Diemer, resident of Sierra Madre and platoon leader of the Arcadia-Temple City unit, was in command of the composite unit for the evening.

LIBRARY REPORT

The circulation of books for the month numbered 3464. Thirty-one per cent of this number was adult non-fiction, 47 per cent fiction, and 22 per cent was from the juvenile department. Twenty-two patrons registered for borrowers' privileges.

Among the new books added are: Fiction: "Cannery Row," Steinbeck; "Hotel Berlin," Baum; "Lebanon," Miller; Captain from Castle," Shellabarger; "Great Son," Ferber; "Lusty Wind from Carolina," Fletcher; "High Road," Grinstead; "Battle Within," Gibbs; "By Bread Alone," de Sherbinin; "Tomorrow Will Sing," Arnold; "Pause to Wonder (short stories)," Fischer. Non-fiction: "American Character," Brogan; "Primer of American Antiques," Dreppard; "My Country" (poetry), Davenport; "Japan's Islands of Mystery," Price; "Artist in Iowa (life of Grant Wood)," Garwood; "Anything Can Happen," Papashvily; "Escape via Berlin," de Aguirre; "What to Do with Japan," Fleisher; "Care and Handling of Cats," Bryant; "Bible and the Common Reader," Chase; "Decompany Under Pressure," Stuart Chase; "Vigil of a Nation," Lin Yutang; "Studio Secrets," Taubes; "Double Ten," Glick; "Shark's Fins and Millet," Sues; "Steamboats Come True," Flexner.

Mrs. Hayes Dies at Duarte
Funeral rites were held for Mrs. Fanny M. Hayes Saturday morning at St. Rita's. Mrs. Hayes has lived in Sierra Madre many years on S. Baldwin, but left here about a month ago for Duarte where she passed away last Wednesday. She is survived by a sister in New York.

Post Office Staff Made Early Delivery

We hope the Sierra Madre boys in the tense areas of combat hear of this home patriotism from their post office staff: Fred LaLone, and carriers, Porter Byrnes, Herbert Munson, Jack Butler and Belton Higer reported at the post office bright and early last Friday morning and made their first delivery early in order to keep their appointments at the Blood Bank.

New Garage Open by M. McIvor

Sierra Madre has a new garage, opening this week, to be known as Mack's Garage, owned by M. McIvor, and located at 25 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., opposite Roberts Market.

Mr. McIvor resides at 520 Ramona and is an experienced garageman and has erected an attractive concrete building just west of the Masonic Temple. He will do general auto repairing and has a fine line of equipment. He has had 20 years' experience in this line of work and for the last year and a half was service manager for McDonald & O'Boyle at Monrovia and has formerly held a similar position with the Monrovia Buick dealer.

Roy G. Owens says: "Florida has oranges, grapefruit, lemons, alligators, Spanish moss and a steam laundry climate."

"California has oranges, grapefruit, lemons, oil, Betty Davis—and brother, what a climate!"

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(68815)
No. 239997
Estate of Alice E. Valencia, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Alice E. Valencia, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor at the office of Noren Eaton, 66 West Sierra Madre Blvd., City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as a place of business in all matters connected with said estate, or to file them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated March 2, 1945.
RALPH E. VALENCIA, and
VICTOR E. PIERRET, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased.
NOREN EATON, Attorney at Law, 66 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Calif.

RESOLUTION NO. 913
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF PORTIONS OF THOSE CERTAIN ALLEYS OR HIGHWAYS IN LOT 12 OF THE AMENDED BLUMER TRACT IN SAID CITY OF SIERRA MADRE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1: That the public interest and convenience require and it is the intention of the City Council of said City of Sierra Madre to close up, vacate and abandon for public alley or highway purposes, those portions of those certain alleys or highways in Lot 12 of the Amended Blumer Tract, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as shown on map recorded in Book 52, Page 59, of Miscellaneous Records, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, and dedicated for public use as public alleys or highways by Ordinance No. 409 of said City and recorded in Book 19959, Page 333 of Official Records of said County, described as follows:

PARCEL A: That certain strip of land 14 feet in width across said Lot 12, as described under paragraph "a" of Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 409, the Northerly boundary line of which is described as follows:
Commencing at a point in the Easterly boundary line of said Lot 12, distant 84 feet Southerly from the Northeast corner of said Lot; thence Westerly and parallel to the Northerly boundary line of said Lot to the Westerly boundary line of said Lot 12.

PARCEL B: A strip of land 10 feet in width in said Lot 12, contiguous to the Westerly boundary line thereof, bounded on the North by the Southerly boundary line of that strip of land 14 feet in width described as Parcel A above, and on the South by the Easterly prolongation of a line parallel to the Southerly boundary line of Lot 13 of said Tract and distant Northwest-erly therefrom 81.00 feet, measured along the Easterly line of said Lot 13, being a portion of that certain strip of land 10 feet in width, described under paragraph "b" of Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 409, the Easterly boundary line of which portion is described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the Southerly boundary line of that strip of land 14 feet in width described under paragraph "a" of Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 409, distant Easterly 10 feet, measured at right angles from

the Westerly boundary line of said Lot 12; thence Southeasterly and parallel to the Westerly boundary line of said Lot 12 to a point in the Easterly prolongation of the above said line parallel to the Southerly boundary line of said Lot 13.

SECTION 2: That the exterior boundaries of the district of lands in said City of Sierra Madre which will be affected by said work or improvement and which will be benefited by the same and to be assessed to pay the damages, costs and expenses thereof and to be known as the Assessment District for that purpose, are hereby fixed as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 13 of the Amended Blumer Tract, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as shown on map recorded in Book 52, Page 59 of Miscellaneous Records on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County; thence Easterly along the Northerly line of said Lots 13 and 12 of said Amended Blumer Tract to the Westerly line of Auburn Avenue in said City of Sierra Madre; thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Auburn Avenue to the intersection of said Westerly line with the Easterly prolongation of the Southerly line of said Lot 13; thence Westerly along the Easterly prolongation of said Southerly line of said Lot 13 and the Southerly line of said Lot 13 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 13 and thence Northwesterly along the Westerly line of said Lot 13 to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM so much of said lands as may be included within the lines of any public highway or alley.

SECTION 3: That the Street Superintendent shall post notices of the passage of this Resolution at the places and in the manner and form required by law and shall also cause a notice similar



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in substance to be published by four successive insertions in the Sierra Madre News, a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said City of Sierra Madre and hereby designated for that purpose.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, held on the 13th day of February, 1945, by the affirmative vote of at least three Councilmen, to-wit:

AYES: Councilmen McGill, Hoegee, Reynolds, Froehlich.
ABSENT: Councilman Schiltz.

NOES: None,
and signed and approved this 13th day of February, 1945.

JOHN C. FROELICH,
Mayor.
EDDIE D. ROBERTSON,
City Clerk.
(3-15)

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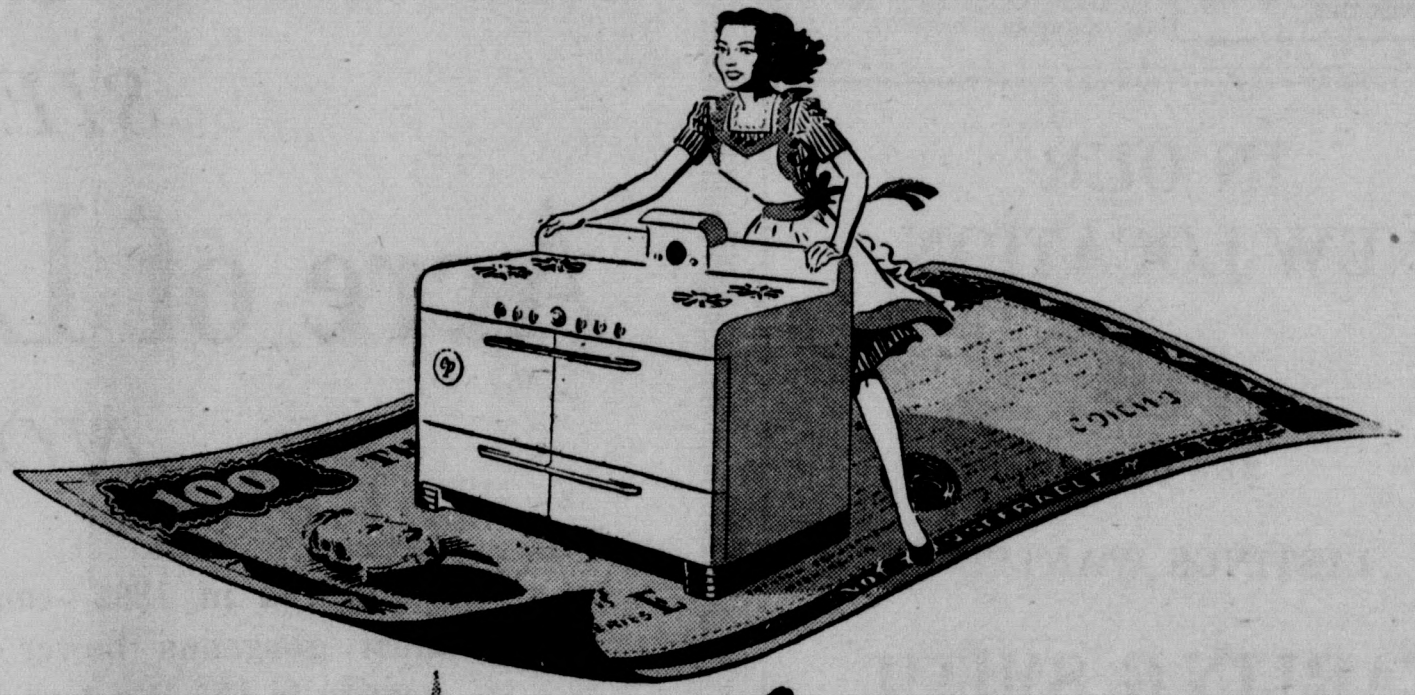
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WANTED—Woman stenographer and typist to assist in City Clerk's office. Apply at City hall. B:25

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ELDERLY couple near city park needs help for 1½ hours daily, from 7:30 or 8 a.m. Chief requirements, reliability, intelligence, good disposition; no heavy work. CU. 5-6392. B:25

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Mr. and Mrs. James F. McLellan, 697 Sunnyside Lane, are the parents of a son, James Michael, born February 19 at the Woman's hospital in Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, 535 Brookside, announce the birth of a son, March 5, at St. Luke's hospital.

A musical comedy, "The Band Wagon," in two acts will be presented at the school auditorium Friday evening, March 23, under the direction of Miss Butler, art teacher. The cast will be assisted by the Girls' Glee club and the Boys' chorus.

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Around & About

By EDWARD LLOYD VOORHEES

PAESTUM, COUNTRY OF THE GODS. No alert, 100% American needs to be told the exact location of "God's Country," but many of our compatriots today—though of course not the Quiz Kids—might hesitate if asked off-hand to state the location of the country of the gods. Nor is this fact to be wondered at, for although we have some 250 varying sects in this blessed and blooming land of religious liberty it is fairly safe to say that none of their devotees has ever bowed the knee to any one of the deities who were at one time the gods and goddesses chiefly honored in the most civilized and cultured centers of Europe. And today, in Greece, Sicily, Italy, Spain, and France there remain the hoary ruins of temples and altars which mark their silent country.

There is a world which I shall not call dead, as many do, but merely sleeping an eternal, peaceful sleep. For when I have lingered musing, beside its crumbling temples and shrines, more than once it has seemed to me that I could sense its deep and contented breathing. The sleeping sickness fell upon it in the fourth century, during the reign of Emperor Constantine, and soon the cry went round the world, "Great Pan is dead!" It awoke briefly, and I suspect, reluctantly, some 30 years later and only for two years, during the short reign of that brilliant, deluded, and futile Emperor Julian the Apostate, who dying, legend says, exclaimed, "Thou hast conquered, O Galleian!"—and then the gods went contentedly back to sleep—forever. To be sure, the myths of their shining and all too human personalities have continued to bring color and richness to the literature and art of England and the continent for a thousand years. But now, in this century of science and fact-at-all-costs, those man-raised ghosts, also, are retreating into antiquity and oblivion.

In the scattered country of the sleeping gods which I have visited, one of many vivid memories is Paestum—where no "conducted" American tourist stopping off at Naples is ever allowed to miss. If one goes by train, as I did—without being "conducted"—it is a journey of 60 miles through a thickly populated region, a continuous garden, green with foliage of grapes, figs, oranges, lemons, prickly pear (our paddle-leaved cactus), wheat, barley, and rye, pine trees and palms—all enriched by centuries of lava and ash from that old near-by terror, Mt. Vesuvius, who never lets her fires go out. One also sees many spaghetti "factories"—very small ones, frequently, with the long spaghetti strands hanging in the sun on clothes lines to dry, free to collect the dust and the flies. And everywhere hosts of lively children, gaily clothed—or unclothed; vigorous, shouting, deep-bosomed mothers, and proud, complacent fathers—all pausing to look at the train and its "rich Americans." One is startled to see that the sand along glimpses of the beach is jet black—for it is powdered cinders ejected from old Vulcan's forge at the heart of the volcano, many miles away, but potentially so near!

Passing through the gay and bright-hued city of Salerno, our train skirted for some distance its beaches—since then soaked red with the life blood of our fighting youth and that of our Allies and our enemies. Soon we halt at a quiet little station, dismount, and walk under a fragment of high arch—the original Gate of the Sirens—which lets us within the now broken walls of golden-brown travertine, 50 feet high and three miles in circumference, which enclosed the ancient city. And there before one's eyes is the vista of what has been for a thousand years "a romantic ruin in the midst of a solemn wilderness." Noting the distant broken towers which here and there rise above the crumbling ruins of the city wall, one arrives at the intersection of what were two main streets laid by the Greeks when they built the city of Poseidonia, honoring the god of the sea, some 525 years before the Christian era. These same streets saw the Lucanians who took over the city 200 years later and changed its name to Paestum; the Romans who conquered it 50 years later, and the Saracens who destroyed it in 871—but not everything.

For there before one can now be seen, through the pine and olive trees, three great-columned, silent temples, golden-brown and gray, looking older than any man-made thing this side of Egypt. Battered, fragmented, and truncated, they still retain enough of their form and proportions to convey a majesty that seems dateless and eternal. The temple of Ceres, goddess of vegetation and dispenser of plenty, 105 feet long by 47 wide, still retains its 34 fluted columns of travertine, 19½ feet high, enthroned upon its platform of two steps all the way around. Another temple, misnamed the Basilica and too old to be identified, is larger—178 x 80, with 50 fluted columns, 21 feet high, five feet thick at the base, three feet three inches at the top. Besides other ruins, including a Roman amphitheatre, there is the temple of Poseidon (Neptune), god of the seas and protector of ships, the largest and best preserved of all, 198 x 80 feet, with 36 fluted columns, 6½ ft. at the base. The roof has gone, but the remaining parts are magnificent. Unlike the lighter columns of the Parthenon at Athens, which seem to soar upward like rockets frozen in flight, these of Poseidon's temple are like a muscular masculine arm, golden-brown, bare and erect from elbow to clenched fist, thrust upward in support of the architecture, over the awful span of 25 centuries!

It was noonday now, all the "conducted" tourists had been whisked away on another leg of their schedules, and I was alone except for the rooks screaming at me from the pine trees and the pediment of the temple. I sat down on the steps between two of Poseidon's columns and opened my Neapolitan lunch bag. A pleasant fragrance filled the air from the great red, pink, and white roses nearby, for which Paestum has been famous since Roman times. Adjacent was some peasant's little patch of ripe golden barley, amid which gleamed little flowers of blue and white, with here and there a great scarlet poppy. Some distance beyond, in a swampy hollow, a scattered herd of domesticated water buffalo, peculiar to this part of Italy, with covering of sparse black hairs and polished horns that curve backward parallel to the neck, were sloshing about in the mud, contentedly cropping the water-herbage. The sun shone down and the goddess Ceres smiled. As I ate my good, substantial Italian bread, and mozzarella cheese—made from the milk of water buffalo—I was grateful for this place and this hour of serenity. And I confess—at the risk of shocking the strict sectarian—that when I uncorked my little straw-covered flask of the golden wine of Vesuvius I poured out first a libation upon the soil of Ceres and Poseidon, for in a manner of speaking I felt myself a guest in their domain.

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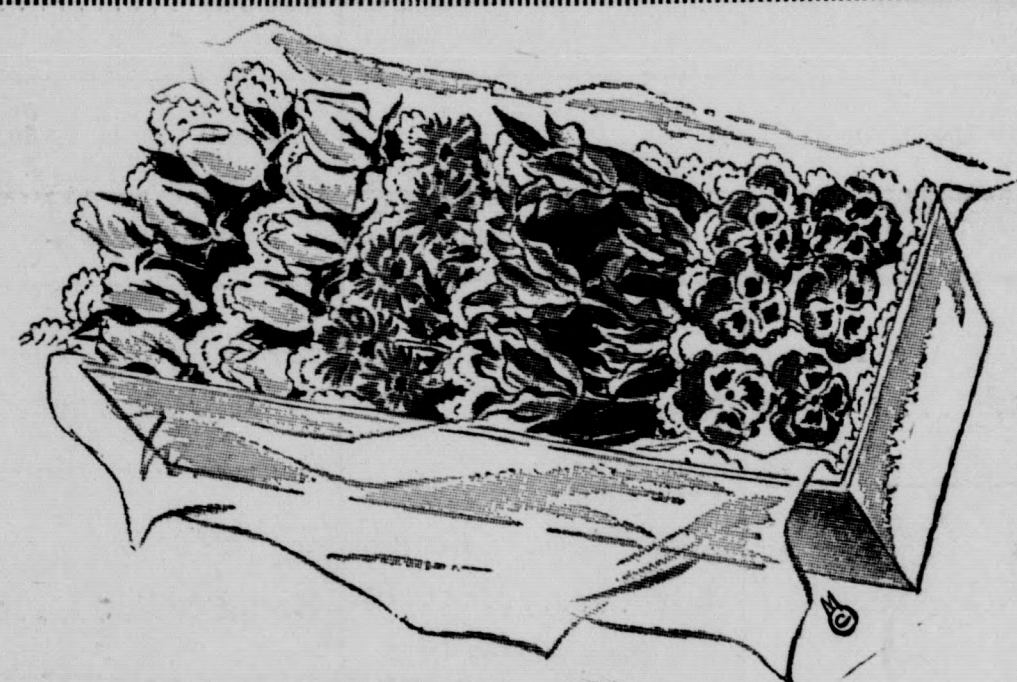
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